



Christ is Coming!

Advent, meaning “coming” is the season prior to Christmas that helps people to anticipate and prepare for Christ’s coming. As Christians we know that Christ came in the flesh as a baby, born to Mary and conceived of the Holy Spirit. He was born in Bethlehem, grew up and lived on earth for the purpose of giving His life to free the world from the bondage of sin and death. Through His death, resurrection, ascension back into heaven and by sending the Holy Spirit, Christ continues to make himself known to us. We are his witnesses and we are called to be prepared at all times for Christ’s second coming. His coming again or Second Advent is the fulfillment of His coming that first Christmas.

Christ’s First Advent to Bethlehem looked forward to the cross, that place where He suffered and died. The Good News is that He rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of God interceding for us and calling us to himself. Christ’s Second Advent looks forward to when He will come to take us to be with Him and He will reign over all things.

Therefore, ***the season of Advent*** we celebrate each year in preparation for His coming has two points of attention,

- 1) His coming to earth as a human being to accomplish and *introduce the work of salvation* for all time, and
- 2) His coming to earth a second time to accomplish *and fulfill the work of salvation* for all time.

*As we approach the season of Advent,
let's focus on His coming – both of them!*